Development of International Airport in Kerala

1566. SHRI JOY NADUKKARA:
SHRI THENNALA BALAKRISHNA PILLAI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scheme under Government's consideration for the development of international airport in Kerala;

(b) if so, what is its present position; and

(c) keeping in view the heavy flow of passengers to Kerala from Gulf countries and some Western countries whether Government would consider the immediate development of the international airport in Kerala?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) to (c) Kerala has already an international airport at Trivandrum. Keeping in view the demand from passengers from the Malabar Region, the existing Calicut airport infrastructure is being upgraded to meet the requirements of limited international operations of the national carriers to/from the Gulf region. Cochin International Airport Limited, a Company under the control of the Government of Kerala has embarked on a project for the development of an airport of international standards at Nedumbassery (near Cochin) with private funding.

Amount of advertisements given by DAVP to Newspapers in Gujarat

1567. SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of advertisements given by the DAVP for the last three years to big, medium and small newspapers published in Gujarat;

(b) whether it is a fact that there is a disparity in the allotment of advertisements in regional language of Gujarat as compared to other regional languages; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and the action proposed to be taken by Government to remove this disparity?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) The information is given below:

Category	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
Big	72,26,451	62,30,364	1,07,82,075
Medium	23,66,216	19,22,157	44,30,334
Small	27,09,925	14,33,406	23,19,667

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Recommendations of Tenth Finance Commission

1568. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have reviewed the recommendations of 10th Finance Commission;

(b) whether Government have a proposal to make additional allocation to the States which have not been funded adequately; and

(c) if so, the steps taken to consider additional allocation to States like Orissa which has not been receiving aid and assistance from the Centre adequately?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Under the recommendations of the Tenth Finance Commission (TFC) the total estimated devolution of resources to States as indicated by the Commission is Rs. 226643 crores for the five years